

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**1. Request for Continued Examination:**

The applicant respectfully requests continued examination of the above-indicated application as per 37 CFR 1.114.

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The amendments made to the claims in the above section are over the last entered amendment filed November 10, 2005.

2. Rejection of claims 1-6 and 8 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b):

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Claims 1-6 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b), as being anticipated by Deeg et al (DE 3739272, hereinafter referred to as Deeg).

Response:

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Claim 1 has been amended to overcome this rejection. Claim 1 has been amended to contain the limitation "a sliding mechanism disposed on the housing ~~and capable of~~ for sliding in a linear direction on the housing, the sliding mechanism engaging the transmission belt so that there is no relative displacement between the sliding mechanism and the transmission belt". This amendment is fully supported in Figures 9 and 10 along with the corresponding description, and no new matter is added.

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On the other hand, Deeg does not teach a sliding mechanism disposed on the housing for sliding in a linear direction on the housing. Instead, Deeg teaches in Fig.1 a guidance 9 that is stationary with respect to the housing 7 of the print carriage.

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Moreover, Deeg does not teach an elastic device that is fixed to the housing at a first end and fixed to the sliding mechanism at a second end, as is recited in claim 1. Instead, Deeg teaches that the spring 11 is fixed to the housing 7 at a first end and fixed to the transmission belt 19 at a second end.

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For these reasons, Deeg does not teach all of the claimed limitations of the currently amended claim 1.

Claim 2 has been amended in a way similar to claim 1 to state that the sliding mechanism slides along the sliding track that is disposed on a surface of the housing. Deeg also does not teach this feature since the guidance 9 is stationary.

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Furthermore, claims 2-6 and 8 are all dependent on claim 1, and should be allowed if claim 1 is allowed. Reconsideration of claims 1-6 and 8 is therefore respectfully requested.

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3. Introduction to new claims 9 and 10:

New claim 9 further narrows claim 1 by reciting that the fastener clamps the transmission belt. Claim 10 also further narrows claim 1 by reciting that the sliding mechanism clamps the transmission belt.

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On the other hand, Deeg teaches that the transmission belt 19 is only attached to the housing 7 with clamping device 8. The transmission belt 19 is able to freely move through guidance portion 9 in order to enable the transmission belt 19 to have the right amount of tension (see column 2, lines 15-33 of Deeg). Therefore, Deeg does not teach that the sliding mechanism clamps the transmission belt, as is recited in claim 10.

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In addition, claims 9 and 10 are dependent on claim 1, and should be allowed if claim 1 is allowed.

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For the reasons above, new claims 9 and 10 are patentably distinguished from Deeg, and should be allowed. Acceptance of new claims 9 and 10 is respectfully requested.

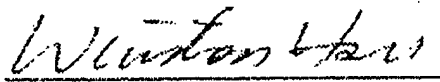
4. Interview summary:

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On March 28, registered patent agent Scott Margo (Reg. No. 56,277) and Examiner Vicky A. Johnson conducted a telephone interview to discuss the rejection of claim 1. The examiner explained how the claim language of the original claim 1 failed to distinguish from the Deeg et al (DE 3739272) patent. No agreement was reached on allowed claims.

In view of the above arguments in favor of patentability, the applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

5 Sincerely yours,



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